## The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Targets, indicators and baselines for enhanced measurability

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### On-going OECD project on The Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework: Targets, indicators and measurability implications at global and national level

### • Objective

- Examine options to enhance the measurability of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- OECD background paper prepared for the OECD international expert workshop on February 26, 2019
  - International context
  - Environmental targets and indicators
    - Principles, criteria, concepts
  - The Aichi Biodiversity Targets and current set of indicators
    - Overview and lessons learned
  - Recent developments and proposals
    - CBD submissions, NGO proposal, OECD proposal, other.



## Pressure-State-Response framework and the theory of change



Source: OECD (2019), The Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework: Targets, indicators and measurability implications at global and national level. [Background paper prepared for the OECD workshop, February 26, 2019]

## Types of **policy responses** (or actions) and the theory of change

Indicator type	Definition	Examples	
Input	Measure the material and immaterial pre-conditions and resources - both human and financial - provided for an activity, project, programme or intervention	<ul><li>Budget allocated for biodiversity</li><li>Number of staff</li></ul>	
Process	Measure the progress of processes or actions that use inputs and ways in which program services and goods are provided	Establish an inter-Ministerial Committee for biodiversity	
Output	Measure the quantity, quality, and efficiency of production of goods or services as a result of an activity, project, programme or intervention	<ul> <li>New legal or policy instruments</li> <li>Studies such as National Ecosystem Assessments</li> <li>Biodiversity and ecosystem values are integrated into national accounts</li> </ul>	
Outcome	Measure the intermediate broader results achieved through the provision of outputs	<ul><li>Reduced pesticide use</li><li>Larger protected areas</li></ul>	
Impact	Measure the quality and quantity of long-term results generated as a result of achieving specific outcomes	<ul> <li>Improved condition of biodiversity and sustainability of ecosystem services, such as number of threatened species</li> </ul>	

## Some lessons from the 2011-2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets

- Lessons:
  - Covers <u>pressures</u>, <u>state</u> and <u>responses</u>
  - But... Linguistic ambiguity
  - Difficult to track progress in a consistent and comparable way across countries
  - Uptake of CBD indicators at the national level is limited
- Calls for:
  - **SM**ARTer targets (with associated indicators)
  - Targets and indicators to be developed at same time

## Characteristics of the 2011-2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Quantified or quantitatively specific target	Input-Process-Output- Outcome-Impact	Pressure-State-Response	Aichi Target
No		State	1
No	Process	Response	2
No	Output	Response	3
No	Input, process (and outcome but not defined)	Response	4
Partially		State (and Pressure)	5
Implicitly (100% target)	Output and outcome	Response, Pressure, State	6
Implicitly (100% target)	Output	Response	7
Implicitly (100% target)		Pressure	8
No	Process and output	State, Response	9
No		Pressure	10
Yes, partially	Output	Response	11
Implicitly and partially	Outcome	State	12
No	Process	State, Response	13
No	Outcome	State	14
Partially (15% restoration)	Outcome	State, Response	15
Yes, binary	Process	Response	16
Yes, binary	Process	Response	17
No		State	18
No		State	19
No but yes in further decisions (i.e. doubling)	Input	Response	20

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## Evaluating progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets



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## Evaluating progress towards Green Growth



#### Figure 4.1. Nutrient surpluses declined

Source: OECD (2017), Green Growth Indicators 2017

# The current indicator suite to monitor progress towards the Aichi Targets

- CBD Dec XIII/28
  - 98 indicative indicators

- 35 highlighted as having *potential* for disaggregation at national level

- Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP)
  - 64 indicators
  - Many highlighted as being 'applicable at national level'

## Possible *categories* of indicators for the post-2020 framework, including headline indicators

#### Potential categories of indicators for the post-2020 biodiversity framework

Quantified headline indicators covering pressure, state, and response (e.g. including output and outcome responses)

Larger set of accompanying indicators (covering pressure, state, response variables)

Other indicators, e.g. for enabling conditions and/or the process (response) indicators? e.g. Public awareness, communication, NBSAPs, good governance e.g., **5 to 20/30 indicators**, with data that is consistent and comparable across countries

e.g., many more indicators, with data that is not necessarily comparable across all countries

e.g., response indicators – predominantly inputs and processes?

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## Possible *categories* of indicators for the post-2020 framework, including headline indicators

#### Targets on State

With a focussed set of agreed headline indicators and a broader set of other non-headline indicators

#### **Targets on Pressures**

With a focussed set of agreed headline indicators and a broader set of other non-headline indicators

#### Targets on Responses i.e. ACTIONS

With a focussed set of agreed headline indicators and a broader set of other non-headline indicators

Targets on other responses i.e. *enabling conditions* e.g. governance, capacity...

### **Headline indicators** for state, pressure and response targets

measurable in a consistent and comparable way across countries

Could therefore add up across countries to examine whether we are on track to meet the relevant global post-2020 target

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• More than 50 multi-country datasets, relevant to biodiversity, identified so far...

Examples of possible headline indicators State: Threatened species State: Wetland extent trends index Pressure: Land cover change Pressure: Deforestation Pressure: Pesticide use (or sales) per hectare Response (output): Aichi Target 3 indicators on positive incentives Response (outcome): Protected area coverage Response (input): Finance

## Key messages from the OECD workshop

- Aichi Biodiversity Targets relatively complicated; language often ambiguous advocate for greater simplicity in post-2020 framework
- Post-2020 targets and indicators should build on current framework, building on areas of success, and should be developed in parallel, in an iterative manner
- Introducing potential *categories* of indicators, including headline indicators, can compliment on-going discussions on the "structure" of the framework
- Many multi-country datasets already exist (covering pressure, state and response indicators) that would enable the monitoring of progress towards targets in a way that is <u>comparable and consistent across countries</u>
- Need further analysis on indicators. They are the cornerstone of the post-2020 biodiversity framework
- Mainstreaming targets and associated indicators needs more attention, as do enabling conditions.

## OECD International Expert Workshop February 26, 2019

### www.oecd/post-2020-biodiversity-workshop

- Summary record including background paper
- Agenda
- Presentations
- Participants' list





OECD (2019), Biodiversity: Finance and the Economic and Business Case for Action OECD (2018), Tracking Economic Instruments and Finance for Biodiversity OECD (2018), Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Sustainable Development OECD (2017), The Political Economy of Biodiversity Policy Reform

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